

1937

From Feb. 1st to May 1st, 1937, giving full day between Dec. Dec.									
Mr. B.M. Grier		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Albert Sams	✓		✓			✓	✓		
Mrs. J.J. Wilkins Jr.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. David Michael									
Mr. Duncan Burnett	✓	✓		✓					
Mrs. W.F. Bradshaw			✓			✓			
Mrs. T.F. Green	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. J.K. Davis			✓						
Judge B S. Fortson		✓							
Mrs. H.B. Ritchie	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Mrs. Claud Chance			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. J.W. Bailey	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. T.S. Mell	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Mr. Chas. M. Strahan									
Mr. Norman Nickerson							✓		
Total present	7	7	9	8		6	9	5	6

February 19, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Library at 10:30 Tuesday, January 19, 1937.

There were seven members present, Messrs Mell, and Sams, and Mesdames Wilkins, Reade, Green, Ritchie, and Bailey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following announcements were made that registration totals 1694; books on hand 1700; children present 37 for Story Hour; 6 Branches established in the County by Mrs. McWhorter to which she takes books monthly. This means we are serving six County Schools with no financial support from the Clarke County Commissioners; and a Music Appreciation Class started by Miss Mattie Julia Nichols, which meets on Wednesday afternoons.

Two magazine subscriptions were donated, "Hygeia" by Mrs. Will Moss; and "Art In America and Elsewhere" by Mrs. Robert P. West.

Miss Mattie Julia Nichols work in making scrapbooks from material taken out of old geographic magazines and these are being circulated in lieu of books because we have so few. The scrapbook containing Bible pictures is especially noteworthy and can be lent to any Sunday School class.

President Grier appointed a committee composed of Mesdames Green, Bailey and Wilkins and Messrs Sams and Grier to attend the next meeting of the County Commissioners asking for a financial contribution.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
Secretary

Jan. 20, 1937.

February 20, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Library Friday, February 19, 1937.

Seven members were present.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$95.82.

The Secretary was authorized to ask the National Bank of Athens for permission to remove the grillwork. This could be removed by the City works, or public school employees.

Mrs. T. F. Green presented a plan to be known as "Clarke County Library Association" similar in form to the Tuberculosis organization to finance the Library in case of failure of the City Council to grant appropriation. The plan was tabled to learn outcome of City Council action. This plan provided \$1.00 a year for membership, and to seek at least 1000 members.

Mr. Grier offered the Library the last issue of the Athens City Directory, now that a new one is to be placed in the Board of Education offices, thus saving us \$10.00.

Mr. Grier announced that the Civic Clubs were about all in line for Library week to be held in March. Mrs. Ritchie will ask for cash donations or a book after City Council meeting.

President Grier appointed Mesdames Green, Ritchie, Wilkins and Miss Nichols to draft letter for Clarke County Library Association; and appointed Mesdames Chance, Bailey and Reade for list of townspeople to send this letter to.

The appeal to the County Commissioners having met with no success it was suggested a petition be circulated through the branches of the schools being served by Library, asking the Commissioners for County support. Mrs. Green was authorized to take care of this and hand eight copies to Mrs. McWhorter for the seven branch schools being served and keep one on the Library desk.

The registration totals 1832, the books on hand 1817, daily circulation about 127, and monthly 3500.

Mrs. Wilkins was asked to call Mr. Bryan Lumpkin to thank him for the publicity given the Library through the Banner Herald; and also Mr. Hugh Rowe for his editorials.

The Library was given a splendid bookrack built and donated by Athens High and Industrial Colored School.

Boys from the Vocation School cut one long reading

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table into two more practical tables.

Students from the sixth grade at the University High School visited the Library.

Music Appreciation Hour is growing and a radio hour will be presented by them in March.

Publicity is being given by WTFI.

The meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
Secretary

March 17, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met on Tuesday, March 16th, 1937 at 10:30 in the Library.

Seven members were present.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's book showed a balance of \$57.40.

The Secretary reported that the National Bank of Athens is not ready to remove any grillwork at present.

That the Athens City Council has agreed to give the Library \$75.00 per month, beginning January 1, 1937;

That the Banner Herald, Mr. Hugh Rowe have been thanked for their assistance in giving the Library publicity.

Mr. Grier suggested that the various school librarians could assist the chairman of books in the Children's Dept.

Mr. Wilkins reported that Mr. C.N. Wilson and Mr. Frank Fitch had asked the Library to purchase Boy Scout pamphlets and circulate through the Library, requiring a 20¢ deposit on each book when taken out, but returned when the book was returned. The proposition was vetoed by the Board.

Mrs. Bailey brought out the fact that school libraries are closed during the summer, just when they are needed most, and Mr. Grier stated that they carry reference books but do not specialize on fiction.

Mr. Grier appointed Mrs. Bailey chairman of committee to arrange for the birthday celebration of the Library on April 7th, and it was suggested that the Woman's Club might take this over to earn money for a gift to the Library.

Mrs. Wilkins reported letters written to Junior Assembly and A.A.U.W. for their cash donations of \$25.00 each.

The meeting adjourned upon motion of Mrs. Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
Secretary

I.S. Mr. J.K. Davis was appointed chairman of committee to look into the possibility of securing the Post Office Bldg., if a new one is going to be built in Athens.

April 20, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met at 10:30 in the Reading Room of the Library Tuesday, April 20, 1937.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Grier and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There were eight members present.

The treasurer's book showed a balance of \$306.06.

The secretary was authorized to write letters to Mr. Frank Harrold for taking pictures on Library Day, to Mr. Ball for the development of same, and to Mr. Sams for the tree and labor incidental to erecting the Library Tree and to Miss Lena Bird.

Mrs. J. W. Bailey gave a report on the results of the Book Drive at the Tree of Knowledge on the corner of Clayton and College Avenues on April 7th. Donations were received in the amount of \$82.00 and 134 books.

Mrs. McWhorter reported that petitions to County Commissioners are being signed enthusiastically except at Whitehall:

THAT we need more bookcases:

THAT we need more books to meet the increasing registration.

Mr. Grier mentioned that a carpenter is employed by WPA to teach the Vocational School boys and that the Government furnishes the lumber, which might be used for Library bookshelves. Mr. Grier authorized Mrs. Wilkins to look into this.

Mr. Mell read the State law on Library Boards.

The election of officers was postponed until Mr. Mell, Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Green drafted By-Laws and a Constitution.

The Board was reminded that Henry W. Grady's Birthday is May 24th, which time might be an appropriate time to carry a display of his books or mementos: also,

May 3rd to 9th is National Music Week and a program could be given over the radio or in some auditorium, sponsored by Library. This is to be worked out by Miss Mattie Julia Nichols.

The Board decided to send to the Industrial High Colored School some books for their Library, and if these books are not in excellent condition Mr. Grier suggested they could be mended by the NYA workers at the school.

Mrs. McWhorter was authorized to purchase lathning wire at Allan Hardware to fix a transom window in the basement as rats are coming through and eating the books.

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This work is to be done by George Chester, the janitor, and he is to be reimbursed through funds from book rentals.

All business being transacted, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins
Secretary

April 20, 1937

July 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met July 20th, 1937 in the Reading Room of the Athens Library. There were six members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's book showed a balance of \$398.06. Bills to be paid, which were approved by the Board, amounted to \$82.79.

Mr. Grier was authorized to sign checks during the time the Board is without a treasurer, and Mrs. Wilkins will be the assistant treasurer until that time.

Mr. Mell made a motion for a file to keep records for a membership drive. Second was made by Mrs. Bradshaw and motion carried. The secretary was authorized to purchase an index file. The Board was reminded that Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Chance and Mrs. Reade were named on committee to make up list of townspeople.

The Library needs new bookcases. Mr. Grier and Mrs. Bradshaw suggested having Herrington Harvey make these bookcases after Mrs. Wilkins read a quotation of \$51.75 from Gaylord, Inc. Mrs. Wilkins was authorized to proceed with this.

Mr. Grier stated he would call Mr. Tate Wright in regard to an appropriation to be made by the County Commissioners.

It was suggested that members of the Junior Assembly and other organizations have a member on the Board. This matter was turned over to Mrs. Bailey by President Grier.

The names of Mrs. J.M. Reade, Mr. J. K. Davis, Mrs. H.B. Ritchie, Mr. David Michael and Mr. Norman Nickerson were added to the Board of Trustees of the Library. These names are to be handed to City Council for appointment.

Mr. Grier authorized Mrs. Wilkins to purchase a water cooler for the Library.

Mr. Grier asked Mrs. Wilkins to notify Mrs. Ritchie by letter that Constitution and by-laws be ready for next meeting.

President Grier appointed Mrs. Green head a committee to look into the cost of mileage for Mrs. McWhorter to deliver books to County schools. Mrs. McWhorter reported that WPA had not paid this expense since May.

Mrs. Tate Wright has donated a number of Christian Science books to be used temporarily by the Library. Mrs. Wilkins was asked to write her a note of thanks.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
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August, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met at 10:30 A. M. on Saturday, August 14th, 1937. There were seven members present.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$423.27.

The Board discussed the advisability of moving to a larger place.

The committee appointed to draw up Constitution, composed of Mrs. Ritchie and Mr. Mell, handed the members a draft of the By-Laws, and these were approved with ten amendments and changes. Formal acceptance was delayed until all Board members had seen these.

The Board was informed that WPA wanted to open the Library during the evening by adding a sixth worker who will go on at 3:00 or 3:30 daily, and stay until 9:00 PM. The Library Board is to provide additional light and heat. This was unanimously approved by the Board.

The possibility of using the Woman's Clubhouse for a Library was discussed with the outcome of this left to the discretion of the entire Board at a full meeting at the Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. John J. Willing
Secretary

October 1, 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Reading room of the Library on September 22nd, at 5:00 O'clock. There were five members present.

The financial report showed a balance of \$273.27 in the Bank.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that the present quarter of the Library have been rented, and that the Library must vacate by October 15th.

The possibility of using Michael's Basement was discussed, if Mr. David Michael decided there was enough space. The Board of Trustees visited the suggested place.

Mrs. Green reported that she would take Mr. Homer Nicholson to look over the Woman's Club at Christmas to suggest repairs and improvements for a possible library location next year as the house is rented to a fraternity until September 1938.

The Board unanimously voted to employ Miss Sally Driver to catalogue the Library at \$25.00 per month upon motion of Mr. Norman Nickerson and seconded by Mrs. Bailey.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs John J. Wilkins Jr.
Secretary

November 1937

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Director's Room of the Y.M.C.A., for the first time on Tuesday at 4:00 o'clock. There were six members present.

The Library has been moved to the north wing of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is to pay for the light used each month, and during the winter a pro-rata share of the heat.

The following announcements were made by Mrs. Wilkins, viz:

1. The Story-Hour will be conducted by Rountree Sessions, an NYA student who lives at the YMCA
2. Heavy iron gates have been installed at the entrance to the Library Room.
3. Librarian schedules have been revised to permit the librarians to become acquainted with the different phases of the work.
4. The Library will be open each night until 9:00 PM since the addition to the staff of Miss Bertha Kate Davison.
5. We are using a typewriter from McGregor's to be considered for purchase at a later date.
6. Mr. Weaver Bridges letter was read suggesting a "Give a Book a Month Club".
7. A new pay-shelf at 10¢ a week for fairly new books has been started.
8. There will be a full page of publicity in the Banner Herald concerning the Library in the near future.
9. The exhibit at the Legion Fair was a success. It aroused a great deal of interest through Miss Nichols untiring efforts and clever displays.
10. Mrs. Wilkins announced she had written the letters of appreciation to Mr. Bryan Lumpkin, Mr. Clayton Bowers and the Y.M.C.A. Board.
11. To repair the rest room the Y.M.C.A. agreed to pay \$5.00 on the plumbing bill.
12. Attention was called to the charts sent by Estate of the late Albin S. Deinard from Minneapolis. Mrs. Wilkins announced she had written asking why and through what source the name of our library was.

and through what source the name of our library was chosen to receive these charts.

13. The janitor's salary is \$5.00 a month, the same as paid to the janitor in the previous location, and Miss Foster of the YMCA and Mrs. Wilkins agreed upon \$2.25 per month for lights, an average taken from the bills at the old location.

14. Mr. Grier and Mr. Mell were appointed a committee to compose resolutions of appreciation to the National Bank of Athens for the use of the building just vacated.

15. Books are being delivered to the County once more - eight schools being served, but particular support is needed from the County Commissioners to continue and enlarge upon this splendid work.

16. Mrs. J. M. Reade will not continue her place on the Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
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